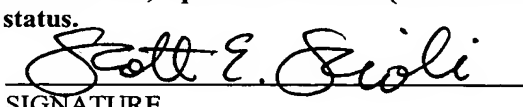


FORM PTO-3301 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER THOM-0039
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		<b>10/522825</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB2003/003185	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 28 July 2003 (28.07.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 02 August 2002 (02.08.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>RECLOSABLE BAGS HAVING A TEAR-OPEN STRING</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Murray Edward Bruce LEIGHTON</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected (Article 31).
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
	b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	has been communicated by the International Bureau.
	c. <input type="checkbox"/>	is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	is attached hereto.
	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
	b. <input type="checkbox"/>	have been communicated by the International Bureau.
	c. <input type="checkbox"/>	have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
	d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	have not been made and will not be made.
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). ( <b>unexecuted</b> )
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
Items 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13 <sup>ter</sup> .2 and 37 CFR 1.182-1.825.
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information:
		- a copy of form PCT/IB/308 (Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices);
		- a copy of the International Search Report;
		- a return postcard.

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee		\$300.00	\$	300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee		\$200.00	\$	200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee		\$500.00	\$	500.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		<b>\$1000.00</b>	\$	1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
8- 100 =	0/50 =	0	X \$250.00	\$	0
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total claims	12- 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	1- 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
				Amount to be:	\$
				refunded	
				charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:					
John W. Caldwell Woodcock Washburn LLP One Liberty Place - 46th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 568-3100			 SIGNATURE Scott E. Scioli NAME 47,930 REGISTRATION NUMBER		